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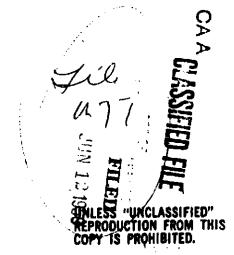
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NOFORN FROM THURSTON GERMAN ALERT MEETING JUNE 1. GENERAL GALE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BYGERMAN NMR (GENERAL VON BUTLER) AND COLONEL D'ANGLEJAN (SHAPE STAFF) FOR MEETING WITH STRAUSS AND THREE AMBASSADORS. HE HOPES THROUGH THIS MEETING TO SPUR GERMAN RECOGNITION THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND EMPHASIZE NEED TO DEFINE CLEARLY LEGAL POWERS WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO DECREE TEMPORARILY APPLICATION OF ALERT MEASURES WHILE AWAITING THE PASSAGE OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION, TO DESIGNATE THE AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR HAVING MEASURES IMPLEMENTED. AND TO URGE FRG AUTHORITIES TO PREPARE IMMEDIATELY TEXTS AND DETAILS FOR APPLYING MEASURES WITHOUT WAITING FOR BASIC LEGISLATION TO BE PASSED. SHAPE DOES NOT ANTICIPATE EARLY CONCRETE RESULTS BUT HOPES WILL BE SUFFICIENT PRESSURE TO CAUSE GERMAN ACTIVITY WHICH CAN THEN BE EXAMINED AT LEVEL TECHNICAL EXPERTS INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH GERMAN SITUATION AND SACEUR ALERT PLAN.

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